THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The guidelines to be followed by CGHS dispensaries for indenting medicines prescribed by specialists is as under:—

The beneficiary brings the prescription of the specialist to the Medical Officer in the dispensary for supply of medicines. The medicines which are available in the dispensary are given to the beneficiary. Those medicines which are not available in the dispensary are marked for indent for purchasing the same through the CGHS authorized local chemist and on receipt of the same, the medicines are supplied to the beneficiaries generally on the next working day. For urgent and life saving drugs, authority slips are issued to the beneficiaries to enable them procure the same directly from the authorised local chemist without making any payment.

(b) and (c) The drugs available in the dispensary with different brand name but with the same constituents are given to the beneficiaries. The question of giving substitute medicines to the beneficiaries does not arise.

(d) Yes Sir, the constituents are as under:—

Name of medicine	Constituents
Macoxplus	Fifampicin—450Mg / 600Mg
	Isomazide—300 Mg
Rcinex	-do-

(e) The question does not arise since the ingredients / constituents of both the drugs mentioned in (d) above are the same and have similar action / effect.

Achievement under Blindness Control Programme

339. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blind persons (men, women and children) in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the number of blind persons increased / decreased during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the funds allocated by Government for Blindness Control Programme aimed at bringing the prevalence down to 0.3 per cent by 2000 AD; and

(d) the achievement, so far, under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Estimated number of blind persons as per 1986-89 National Survey was 1.24 crore in 1991. State-wise details are given at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) A survey on blindness in 13 districts of the country is being undertaken which would determine current levels of prevalence and estimated blind persons.

(c) Funds allocated and utilized under National Programme for Control of Blindness during the last 05 years are at Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) Targets and achievements of Cataract operations performed during the last 05 year are at Statement-III.

Statement-I

Statewise prevalence of blindness and estimated blind persons

State/U.Ts.	Population (1991)	Prevalence* /10000POP	Estimated** Blind Persons
Andhra Pradesh	66508008	150	10.88.000
Arunachal Pradesh	864558	123	13.500
Assam	22414322	134	3.00.000
Bihar	86374465	128	10.66.000
Delhi	9420644	63	62.000
Goa	1169793	203	25.000
Gujarat	41309582	144	5.83.000
Haryana	16463648	113	1.83.000
Himachal Pradesh	5170877	87	45.000
Jammu & Kashmir	7718700	280	2.11.000
Karnataka	44977201	129	5.59.000
Kerala	29098518	131	3.67.000
Madhya Pradesh	66181170	201	13.22.000
Maharashtra	78937187	164	12.52.000
Manipur	1837149	65	11.000
Meghalaya	1774778	22	3.000
Mizoram	689756	NA	—

State/UTs	Population (1991)	Prevalence* /10000POP	Estimated** Blind Persons
Nagaland	1209546	38	4.000
Orissa	31659736	172	5.38.000
Punjab	20281969	73	1.40.000
Rajasthan	43997990	224	9.38.000
Sikkim	406457	45	3.000
Tamil Nadu	55858946	165	9.22.000
Tripura	2757205	118	34.000
Uttar Pradesh	139112287	158	20.98.000
West Bengal	68077965	96	6.54.000
A&N Islands	280661	67	1.900
Chandigarh	642015	189	11.400
D&N Haveli	138477	NA	—
Daman & Diu	101586	NA	—
Lakshadweep	51707	89	400
Pondicherry	807785	NA	—
TOTAL:	846302688	149	12435200

*Source: WHO/GOI National Survey (1986-89)

**Survey results projected for 1991 census population.

Statement-II

Budget allocated and expenditure incurred under National Programme for Control of Blindness during last five years.

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Budget Allocation	Expenditure
1996-97	59.48	58.58
1997-98	70.00	58.34
1998-99	75.00	72.74
1999-00	84.00	83.82
2000-01	110.00	109.70
TOTAL:	398.48	383.18

Statement-III

Performance of Cataract Operations During Last 5 Years

Year	Target	Achievements	%
1996-97	2620000	2725426	104
1997-98	3017952	3033303	101
1998-99	3320330	3320305	100
1999-00	3500000	3457113	99
2000-01	3690170	3644640	99
TOTAL:	16148452	16180787	100

Demand of expertise in Indian Systems of Medicine

340. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received demands from other countries for the expertise in Indian Systems of Medicine;

(b) if so, the list of such countries;

(c) the worth (in Rs.) of medicines exported in 2000-01;

(d) the number of experts deputed for teaching and training; and

(e) if any bilateral agreement / understanding exists for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Government has received demand for experts in Indian Systems of Medicine particularly for Ayurveda from various countries, namely, United States of America, United Kingdom, South Africa, Hungary & Russia.

(c) From the Statistics compiled by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata, export of drugs of Indian System has been reported of the order of Rs. 221.51 crores during 2000-2001.

(d) A number of delegations have visited Germany, U.K., U.S.A., South Africa, Switzerland, Russia, Portugal, etc. However, experts for teaching and clinical practice have not been deputed so far.